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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on December 4, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from March 4, 2003 to May 4, 2003.